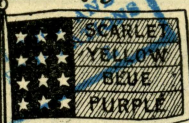


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THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS



"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3

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WHAT SAYEST THE LORD?

There is much said as to which day Christ arose on. The seventh or the first day, which?

We will offer the following in I Cor. 15:3, 4, it says, "I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received. How that Christ died according to the scriptures and that he was buried and that he arose again the third day according to the scriptures." Question. Where did Paul rest his authority? We reply: The scriptures were that which had been written before in the Old Testament. So as Paul received his information there, so must we. By turning to the writings of Moses I learn that the resurrection of Christ was taught to occur on the third day. I give the same to the reader. The nineteenth chapter of Numbers records one of the object lessons how the resurrection of the dead was to be a literal truth.

In doing this the Lord said they should take a red heifer and take her without the camp and slay her. Then take and burn her to ashes. Then the ashes should be gathered up and placed in a clean place and used as a water of purification for the children of Israel. This water of purification was used where anyone had been in contact with the dead in burial or having touched any dead person. In such cases the individual was to be sprinkled the third day and also the seventh day. But if they failed to be sprinkled on the third day then they could not be purified on the seventh day. Hence, must remain out of the camp. Paul says, "those beasts which were burned without the camp typified Christ who was to suffer without the gate." The heifer being red is shown in Isaiah to represent Christ, the sin bearer. Isaiah 65. The burning to ashes signified the death penalty for sin was being burned to ashes, but when the water was added to the ashes, which represented the spirit of God, then life through the resurrection could be pointed out by the lesson. Hence the individual who touched the dead, in order to teach the lesson, must be sprinkled the third day, thus showing his faith in Christ being resurrected the third day. But if the individual had not faith in the resurrection of Christ the third day, then they could not be purified the seventh day, which taught the resurrection of all the righteous at the beginning of the seventh thousandth year. Hence here is where Paul received his light from the scriptures mentioned in his Corinthian letter on the resurrection of Christ.

Another instance of the kind is recorded in Leviticus chapter 23. The same truth is taught there by

the three days feast of the passover. The lamb which was slain on the fourteenth day of Abib and eaten by the believers typified Christ. The unleavened bread the day following taught the death of the grain as it was made in bread. The wave sheaf the third day taught that Christ was the first fruits of them that slept. All of which met the antitype in the death and burial and resurrection of Christ during three days. It is now our privilege to draw from these scripture lessons the same that Paul drew. First, Christ died on the first day of the feast. Second, he remained dead on the second day, as symbolized by the bread. Third, he was quickened on the third day, as taught by the wave sheaf. Remember the eating of his flesh and the eating of the bread signifies he is dead not alive and third the living grain came the third day not the second.

Now with this we place the statements of the disciples as they met Christ on their way to Emmaus the first day of the week as recorded in Luke 24:13. After relating the history of Christ and his crucifixion, they said this is the third day since these things were done. The record further says that the women came to the sepulcher early in the morning the first day of the week. Remember the first day here was not the second day since the crucifixion but the third day. Now with this we place the plain record which says the holy women saw the sepulcher and how his body was laid and they bought spices that they might anoint his body. Then they rested "the Sabbath day according to the commandment" and next, early the first day they came with the spices, "according to the commandment." Note, all Sabbath observance, whether annual or weekly, as to the manner it is to be kept rests on the commandment to keep the seventh day. To use the word commandment here to imply an annual sabbath is not a just use of the scriptures and all I have known use this statement when talking on the seventh day question. They use it as applying to the seventh day and not to any annual feast sabbath. Now with these plain scriptures, why claim Christ did not arise on the first day of the week? It says in the scriptures he would. Paul said according to the scriptures he would arise the third day not the second day of the feast. The disciples said the first day of the week was the third day since his crucifixion. We say, why deny it that he arose on the first day of the week? We fear it has been started by some one who thought if they could in some way establish it that Christ arose in the seventh day they would then have gained a point on Sunday keepers keeping the first day because Christ arose on

Sunday. If it started or is advocated on that account it is a poor policy. No man gains anything but shame who tries to rest the scriptures to prove his point. The Sabbath has its own foundation and that foundation is the commandment to observe it. That is all it needs. It matters not on what day of the week Christ arose, that does not change the commandment which is to govern us.

The next thing to consider is if we would be honest we should never quote this scripture that the women kept the Sabbath according to the commandment, and apply it to the seventh day if he arose on the Sabbath. For it would not be true, and further, if the word commandment in this place refers to the annual sabbath then it proves the obligation of the annual sabbath. All this must be considered in our teaching. And still further, the day here was the preparation day, was this the sixth day of the week or was it not? Surely it was.

WHO ARE THE GENTILES?

I noticed an effort made recently to tell who were Gentiles and who were not. This effort claimed that the Gentiles this side of the flood sprang from Japheth's wife.

The assertion was made that she was of the antediluvian giants and their ancestors were the fallen angels mentioned as "the sons of God" in Genesis 6th chapter. On this interpretation of scripture it claimed that the fallen angels looked on the daughters of man and being fair they took to themselves wives and as a result of this union giants were developed, and the assertion is made that Japheth's wife was one of these children. We first noticed this wonderful interpretation given by Charles T. Russell of Millenium Dawn fame. Of course his fertile mind could believe and assert anything. I am sorry others who claim to be teachers have followed the mystical teaching. Christ said, "in the resurrection we neither marry nor are given in marriage but are equal to the angels in heaven." I never knew before that the fallen angels had been changed in nature and since the fall they married and increased in number. Neither did I know before this wise interpretation came that they could come down here and marry women here on earth. If they could do so before the flood, why not now.

I am sure none of our fair damsels ever knew they could have an angel before for a husband. But this is the first step in locating the Gentiles. The Bible says by "the descendants of Japheth the isles of the Gentiles were divided. Noah had three sons. Our ancient maps in our Bibles tell us where each located after the flood. Japheth located north of the Caspian Sea, that being called in the Bible "the land of Magog," after the name of the grandson of Noah, and son of Japheth. Ham, another son, located in Africa. Egypt is called in the Bible "the land of Ham." The Canaanites were also from Ham. The third son was Shem, and from him came Abraham and Israel. They were the ones who served in Egypt. They came out of Syria seven hundred years after Noah and went into Egypt. Two hundred years later they came out of Egypt and entered Canaan. Now says this writer, these descendants of Japheth were the mingled people which came out of Egypt with Israel. We query how the children of Japheth got down into Egypt when their country was hundreds, if not thousands of miles north, and no history ever records their presence in Egypt? Well, like the first assertion that the Gentile was of angelic origin, so this, too, is simply another assertion for which there

is no proof. Now says the writer, the Lord told Israel to kill off this mixed angelic bunch in Canaan both old and young. But they did not do it, so the next best thing the Lord could do was to let them mix with the ten tribes and give them a chance to be saved, so here is where the offer of "whosoever would let them come in." How is all this? We read that the Canaanites were Amorites and they were of Hammetic origin and not Japhetic at all. So that assertion does not fit either. Next the Japhetic race was not in Canaan at all, neither does that fit. Now the next most awful assertion is that God, because he could not get them killed off extended the gospel to the fallen angels descendants that they might be saved but this did not work, for they caused the earth to be drenched with blood and were especially developed in the Roman government, who crucified Christ, and still later on drenched Europe with blood in the slaying of the saints. I know by Paul's writings that when a mortal man reached a high state of knowledge and experience in the things of God if they fell away there was no more renewing of their standing. So of course I supposed the devils who sinned were the same. Jude says they are kept under chains till the judgment of the great day, would then be destroyed. But not so now according to this interpretation. They have succeeded in marrying our mothers and thus they now have the gospel preached to their descendants and an offer of salvation given them. In all this the writer says they thus become the wild olive tree and thus they would be grafted into Israel, the tame tree. Note. This is all to save the blood Israel, and have the literal Jew saved.

We must see by this argument the Gentile is but a very small bunch compared with the inhabitants of the world. I am still left in mystery how the rest are to be saved. Will the writer tell us of what nationality the rest are and how they will be saved if saved at all?

It is our opinion the people had better study the Story of the Real Jew and get this story more connected. For our part we have done this and know all such mystical contradictions to be an error.

THE JEW AND THE GENTILE.

All are aware that much strife has ever existed between the Jew and the Gentile. The Gentile is the descendent of Japheth while the Jew is the descendent of Shem, the two sons of Noah.

The national Jew was descended from the twelve sons of Jacob, who was the grandson of Abraham. The Jew became the favorite nation of God above all other nations because of the faith they held as handed down to them from their father Abraham and the covenant God made with Abraham that in him all nations of the earth should be blessed. And as further stated by Stephen, that they became the depositors of truth and God's laws, that they might be a light to the world. Acts 7.

The Gentile world, as a result of their unbelief, as stated by Paul, were left without God, without hope and strangers from the covenants of promise as nations. Eph. 2. But note. Provision was made in all ages from the days of Abraham to this present time that individual Gentiles could always come into the household of faith with the Jews and become partakers of every blessing God had for the real Jew. Eph. 2:11. Also see Rom. 11, how they might become grafted into the tree of Israel and become a part of the tree, thus losing their identity as Gentiles and becoming thus real Jews. Rev. 3:9. This is to plain

for any one to be mistaken who knows the simplest lessons of the Bible.

Did the Reader Ever Think.

We ask, did you ever think that all blessings promised in the Bible of salvation is to the Jew? Did you ever think that as long as you were a Gentile you were without hope and without God in the world? Did you ever think that as a Gentile no promise of salvation is offered to you? Did you ever think that no laws of God were ever given to a Gentile? Acts 7. Did you ever think that no Gentile blood ever penned a word of the Bible from beginning to end? Did you ever think that Christ never preached to a Gentile? Did you ever think that Christ was a Jew both in blood and in deed and in truth? Did you ever think that all his disciples and apostles were Jews both in blood and in truth? Did you ever think that the book of James was dedicated to the twelve tribes scattered abroad? Did you ever think that Christ told the Gentile woman it was "not meat to give the bread of the children (Jews) to the dogs (Gentiles.)"? She replies, "Yea Lord, but the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table." Did you ever think that the Gentiles as they are brought in are to accept the Jewish religion in full as it was given at Sinai? Did you ever think that Christ was the prophet like unto Moses? Did you ever think that Christ and the apostles ever and only taught Moses and the prophets? Did you ever think that not a single new doctrine was ever introduced by them? Did you ever think that the apostles were never endued with power to command new precepts? Did you ever think that the woman symbolizing the church since the days of Abraham and Jacob are Sarah, Abraham's wife, and Rachel, Jacob's wife? Rev. 12; Jer. 31; Gal. 4. Did you ever stop to think that this woman is the same till the end? Gal. 4; Rev. 12. Did you ever think that if you knew anything as you ought, you would never teach again there was any church started when Christ came or following that period at any time? Did you ever stop to think the Gentiles as they come in are nursed from the paps and dandled on the lap of the Jewish woman who is the mother of us all? Gal. 4. Did you ever think that if you are saved you will be joined to one of the twelve tribes and enter through one of the twelve gates of the Holy City, whereon are written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel? Did you ever think the church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets and that is a Jewish foundation, as taught by the Jews? Did you ever think we are to contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints and that was the faith of Moses and the prophets? Did you ever think that a Gentile, as such, has no faith; he has no Bible of his own; never did God speak to one directly that we have a record of? Did you ever think that the new covenant was made to the house of Judah and the house of Israel?

With all these interogations, which no Gentile dare deny, is it not time the opposition to the true teaching of the Bible be stoped by Gentile teachers who deceive and lead the people astray from the truth? If you hav'nt the love of God enough to keep the Sabbath as it is written and all the rest of the commandments, why turn the truth of God into a lie in order to cover up your lack of love to God?

The secret of the whole thing is, the Gentile never gave up his Baal worship when he professed to accept the religion taught in the Bible. He was a Sunday keeper before he professed to believe in God and is still doing so. He nameu the days of the week after his gods, the planets, before he professed and still does the same. He held Easter Sunday, Good Fri-

day, worshiping of angels and saints worship before and so he does yet. Christmas was his holiday before and so is yet. He believed in purgatory and an endless burning hell before and so does yet. He believed in the immortality of the soul, transmigration of souls, communication with the dead, sprinkling, burning of candles in their temples and so he does yet. But the most wicked thing of it all is, he now tries to turn the truth of God into a lie to justify all this Baal worship as the Lord's worship. This is the most vicious wresting of the scripture to their own damnation that could be thought of. It is all done to avoid truth and an unwillingness to obey the truth. No wonder the world is having trouble. These are hard facts to read, what will you do about it?

WHO WILL ANSWER?

One writer takes considerable objection to our writing wherein we claim that 1844 is not a time when any prophetic period was to end. This writer then proceeds to show that it is too plain for even a denial, and cites us to Leviticus 26th chapter for proof. The seven times found mentioned in Leviticus is taken by this writer to mean seven years of 360 days each and were to begin at the Babylonish captivity 606 B. C., thus making the 2520 years end in 1844. Now there are found in Leviticus 26 four seperate and distinct statements pertaining to the seven times. Note each one is seperate from the other and were to meet their fulfillment in case Israel failed to keep the commandments of the Lord. On the other hand if they harkened to God's commandments then certain blessings were to follow them in their history. By reading the history of Israel following this prediction it is easy to see that the prediction was often met in both their obedience and disobedience.

Now the question with us is, why take one of these seven time periods and tell us when it began and ended and not the other three on the same basis and tell us when they began and ended? And why say the fourth seven time period was prophetic and not the others? And next, if you can so easily locate the fourth why can't the writer also locate the time for the beginning and ending of the other three? I will say the Adventist gave this up long ago, but some still are clinging to it. Such as Mr. Russell and later exponents of prophecy. All we can say is treat all these periods alike as recorded in the twenty-sixth chapter of Leviticus and tell about all of them then we will have confidence in both you and them as prophetic periods and as teachers of prophecy.

Now we don't believe any of them refers to prophetic time periods at all. Now give us good reasons why they do and explain all of the four on the ground that you do the fourth one. One writer said Brother Rupert needed a little polishing up on his objecting to 1844 being a time when any prophetic period ended. Let us now stick to this chapter and see who needs polishing up. Assertions don't count, it is proof we want. Then when you get this proven, then prove that 1914 is another date for any prophetic period to end. Come now, get down to proof, the very best you have in the Bible. No assertions. Don't cite to some chapter and verse, but quote the scripture that we may read it.

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This is the last number for the year now ended. If you deem our service worthy of support send in renewals and support the paper by your prayers and means. God bless all our dear family of readers.

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WHAT SHALL WE ADMIT IN THE PAPER?

I received a letter recently in which the writer said he was willing to support a paper quite liberally with finances if it could be run by those in charge who would not run the paper as a sectarian paper or would not admit every thing in the paper for sake of money. The letter then closed by saying the writer had an article which would require two pages for possibly a year in the paper which he would like us to publish.

How would you reply to this? Our reply was: First. No one had money enough to secure a square inch of the paper for publishing what to our best judgment was an error. Second. We would have to read the articles before we could answer whether we would publish them or not. Third. The importance and benefit to the readers and the needs of the paper would need be considered. There were many things which were truth, which we could not publish for the reason our space was devoted to such truths as we deemed absolutely necessary for the people of God to now know, both in law and prophecy which more than filled the paper each month. In fact there is enough of present truth that should be published each month to fill double the size of our present space. We therefore say to all, Study and get hold of the spirit of the truth for this time and you need have no fears but you will have space.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO.

In 1902 we published our first pamphlet. Since that time many have been added to the list. During this period of time we have developed charts and maps which if placed together would make seventy-five feet in length and six feet wide. These are all filled closely with scripture and figures with which to teach the truth in public lectures. These charts are mostly reproduced in our books. The total cost of these would be nearly \$200.00. In all this study each and every book and chart places the whole scripture into one harmonious story.

The Result.

Like every true reformation we have had much to contend with. The whole has cost much money besides the work to bring about the establishing of the work to the point where it is now.

For twenty-eight years we were dependent on assistance in reading and the comparing of scripture with scripture, as our sight was not sufficient for such work. Our maps were made under our personal sup-

ervision but not being able to see them till later years. We met with much opposition in the development of the work by the denomination with which we were connected, till finally thrown out penniless and blind after 30 years service. Then the Lord took us up as promised and soon by a miraculous providence gave us our sight in one eye, sufficient to read and go about alone. Next we began to sell books and means came to us in marvelous ways to publish our books. One party who had bought the Inspired History six years prior wrote us and sent us one hundred dollars, never having written a word after purchasing the book, and then they were not of my faith. Another brother, unsolicited, gave me two hundred to help me in printing and the last year six hundred has been given by three parties unsolicited to publish our last book.

We have now published the Remnant of Israel two years and paid the expense. Today we have in printed matter in the office a good supply of books and pamphlets which cover most all subjects of the Bible. This is the result thus far. God has raised up to this work some excellent good friends which are true to the cause we represent and help bear our burdens which in times past have been most trying at times.

Some of these persons have been converted from the world and some of God's children who have been misled by others have had their eyes opened and are now with us. We have more subscribers to the paper than ever before. The past two months has shown more books sent out to the people than any two months since the work was started. For all this as we write these words we do it with trembling. For we realize our God is not a bragger or one that boasts. Therefore let no one take this as boasting, for in fact the work is so small as compared to what it should be it makes us feel small. But God also says "we shall not despise the day of small things." It is not boasting to say we look for the greatest work before us that God has ever done on the earth in gathering out the Remnant and the very truth we are now teaching will do that work. Happy is the one who connects with it. Therefore let the next year be the beginning on a much larger scale that we have yet thought of. Our courage was never better than now. We feel as did Moses, we would like to be spared to see the work well near its completion if not to see it clear through.

THE RED CROSS AND THE CHILD OF GOD.

Last night, December 20, it was the privilege of my wife and I to attend a lecture on the subject of the work and history of the Red Cross movement. We can say the lecture was fine. The principles of the Red Cross and the fact that it was international in its ministration of mercy to all, appealed to us and met a response in our heart. We needed no conversion to its principles, for, for years we have known some of its principles and workings. What we wish to say in this article is this: Every child of God who knows the Bible will be in harmony with every good thing there is in the world. We are glad our past education has placed us where the good things as they come along are not hard for us to accept. To illustrate. The Bible teaches that we should not be riotous eaters of flesh. It tells us how the Jews as they left Egypt (where they had learned the ways of Egypt in flesh eating) how they lusted after the flesh pots of Egypt. Under the subject of clean and unclean flesh we are further instructed not to have the broth of abominable things in our vessels.

Having these principles adopted in our life when meatless day came along that was no cross to me, for

I had lived twelve years without any flesh of any kind, and for forty years I had eaten no unclean flesh, and for the last twelve years or more not to exceed one meal in twenty in my home had been with flesh on the table. So that day did not appeal to me as really anything. The lecturer, last night, talked that he thought there would be a tobacco day. I hoped in my heart it would be seven days in a week the year around, for I had given it up forty years ago for Christ's sake and found it a blessing.

The wheatless day is so small in real practice how can it be any sacrifice when there are so many good things to take its place? The prohibition laws does not offend a child of God for his Bible teaches him that drinking is wrong and he gives it up for Christ's sake and for his own good.

I look next that we will be asked to give up a drink or two of coffee and tea. That is all long in the past with me. For forty years I have discarded those beverages. I lived 12 years on two meals a day to help the gospel and I can do that again.

The increase of taxes I do not feel to complain of for the Bible tells me to pay tribute to whom tribute is due, and again, no child of God can betray his nation, for God recognizes that it is our duty to be law-abiding citizens and to lead a quiet and peaceable life so far as lieth within us in any nation under which it may be our lot to be. In fact a real child of God is a good citizen in any country he may be in.

What Orders of Society Shall We Join?

To this question I can only speak for myself. Over forty years ago I joined a certain organization on which I believed to be the church of God. I have thought from that day to this that the person who lived the truth of the Bible in his daily life, the true church covered every good thing there was in this world in its teaching as taught in the Bible. Hence I gave up or rather lost my interest in certain organizations to which I then belonged. From that day to this I have joined nothing else of human organization. I have been in harmony with every good thing any organization has held so far as I know. If others have some specific point of good they wish to devote their energies to for a time at least and wish to organize that work I have no objection, but will aid all I can with my influence and means so far as my other duties to God will permit. We feel to say that no one need have any fears to approach us on any good subject or solicit our co-operation. We are at all times ready to say God bless you and aid you in any way possible. We do not care to sign our names to become a member for the chief object that we wish to exalt the Bible and the church of God whose names are written in heaven as the all in all which covers all and is in all good things. In other words we desire others would not only take one draught of that which is good work and deed like the specialties but take the whole dose and that will cover all and save the soul. It alone will aid you as you should be aided to do your special line for good to which you are called to perform.

Let our prayers and sympathy go with the faithful members of the Red Cross and may we remember how good the faithful nurse will look to the wounded boy as she says God bless you my boy.

"AWFUL ERROR DISCOVERED."

In the Evangel of Hope for December, in an article written by Mrs. S. F. Nelson, under the "Time for the Deliverance of the Church," she says she "found in the Yellow Peril, (a book written by us) this awful

error." It was where we applied the twelfth chapter of Revelation where the woman was expecting the birth of a man child. We said that child was Christ. This was the awful error. She says this child was the church and the birth and deliverance was **when Christ will come**. She admits that every one seemed to agree with us but that she had it "presented to her" that it was at the time of the deliverance of the church when Christ will come and that the church is the son. Just how it had been presented to her she does not say. It might have been by vision, dream, or Bible study. We can't say as to that how the awful error had been shown to her. We wish to say she has another guess or vision coming. We read that after the child is born, verses 6, 14, 15, the woman flees into the wilderness for twelve hundred and sixty years. Now this period if added to the time after Christ comes it would cover the whole of the millennium and run like a fishing rod over in the stream of time 260 years into the new earth.

Please tell us about this and give us a connected commentary on this chapter. You may find another awful error unexpectedly.

EVERY DAY IS NOW THE SABBATH.

The apostle speaks of "turning the truth of God into a lie." If such a thing was ever done it is done by those who now, in order to avoid obedience to the plain Sabbath commandment teach for an excuse "that now we keep every day as the Sabbath." There is not a word of truth in the statement. Neither do they practice or try to practice what they say. If they tried to practice such a thing it would be utterly impossible, and to teach such a thing they surely know they do not attempt to practice what they teach.

How could every day be a Sabbath? Sabbath means rest from toil. The same commandment which says to rest on the Sabbath says "six days shalt thou labor." On the Sabbath it says, "thou shalt do no work." On the six days it says "thou shalt do all thy work." The Pharisees with the same kind of a vicious interpretation of the fifth commandment which says "honor thy father and thy mother," said if the child would use the means due for the support of their parents, to make a gift to the altar, (church) it would free them from doing ought for their father and their mother. This was turning the truth of God into a lie to their own destruction, and Christ said "in vain do ye worship me making void the commandments of God by your traditions." He further says "except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of heaven." If these scriptures amount to any thing is it to much to say that all who now say that every day is the Sabbath will meet the same fate?

Let us read the truth of God which is now turned into a lie. It is recorded in Hebrews fourth chapter. Not only does those who thus teach turn the commandment into a lie, but Paul's comment on the commandment: Paul says, "Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it." Heb. 4:1. This refers to Israel when in the wilderness as shown by Psalms 95:7-11. "For we which have believed do enter into rest as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath if they shall enter into my rest although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." "For he spake of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his work" "and in this place again if they will enter into

my rest." Heb. 4:3-5. The last statement forever settles it that the rest for the people of God is the seventh day of the week commanded **in the creation and again at Sinai** as stated. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief."

The above plainly gives where the trouble was with Israel in the wilderness. Namely, they would not keep the Sabbath as God commanded them. Verse six says this was the second effort God had made to get his followers to keep the Sabbath. First at creation; second in the wilderness. In the wilderness it is plainly mentioned regarding the Sabbath being broken thus: "How long refuse ye to keep my laws." Now verse seven of this remarkable chapter tells us of the third effort. It reads thus, "Again he limiteth a certain day saying **in David** today after so long a time as it is said if ye hear his voice harden not your hearts. For if (Joshua) Jesus had given them rest then would he not have spoken of another day." This shows to any intelligent person that no change took place **in the day at Sinai** from that which had been given at creation. If a change had been made then another day would have been spoken of. Verse 9 says, "there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." We ask what rest (remaineth)? The margin says "a keeping of the Sabbath." We ask what Sabbath? We reply the creation Sabbath and no other remains for the people of God. This period of its remaining says it is during David's time. When is that? We again reply from the time the promise was made to David that there should never be a time when there would not be the seed of David to reign on the throne of the Lord. David is here Christ, who will when he comes take to himself the throne of David. So the Sabbath will remain to the people of God during all time to come.

Now to the point, is every day a Sabbath to the people of God as the Russellites teach? We say no. Hear what verse 9 says, "For he that is entered into his rest he also hath ceased from his work as God did from his." God worked six days and rested the seventh, and so will every one who enters into Sabbath rest. They too will work six days as God did and then they will rest the seventh day as God did. So again we say it is utterly impossible for any one to make every day the Sabbath and to teach such a false teaching is nothing more or less than to turn the truth of God into a lie, in order to justify their course in doing a thing they desire to do in the place of obeying God. We speak plain when we say that all such use of the scriptures is wicked and malicious. For "they rest the scriptures to their own destruction."

Another instance of turning the truth of God into a lie is the use made of Rev. 1:10. This scripture says "I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." This text is now used to make the first day of the week the Lord's day. It does not say that, but it is asserted that that is the first day of the week that is referred to in this verse. Now if the verse does not refer to the first day of the week then again the truth of God is turned into a lie by those who so use it.

If we let the Bible state what the Lord's day is then it is all plain, but to let those assert that it is Sunday all is a lie. The commandment says the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. Sabbath meaning rest it would be the rest day of the Lord thy God. So we read that God rested from all his work which he had created and made on the seventh day and blessed and hallowed it. Thus making it his Sabbath rest day. That is all plain and easy. Then in Isaiah 58:12 it there calls the Sabbath God's Holy Day. In Mark 2:27, it says that Christ was Lord

even of the Sabbath day. Why? Because he was the creator and the one who rested from all his work on the seventh day. He said also it was made for man. That is for all men. Not a Jew but for men. Now when a minister who asserts that the first day is the Lord's day he simply turns the truth of God into a lie.

Another Example.

It is almost universally taught that the second chapter of Colossians, Ephesians 2:15 and Galatians 4:8-10 abolishes the law given at Sinai. Hence they are no longer in force. Why do they do this? It is because the word Sabbaths are mentioned in Colossians two especially. Now is this turning these scriptures so they teach a lie? We say it is.

I want to ask some questions on Colossians two. Is the laws of God vain philosophy? referred to in verse 8? All must say no. Are these laws of God vain deceit in this same verse? Are they traditions of men? Are they rudiments of the world in this same verse? You must say no. Are the laws against us and contrary to us? Verse 15. No child of God will say yes. Why? Because it is said great peace have they which love thy law and nothing shall offend them. There is nothing in the law will offend them. Children of God are not offended at any commandment of God, hence they cannot be against them. Does the law of God require the worshiping of angels or does it puff up any one's fleshly mind? Verse 18. Again all children of God will answer no. Are the laws of God to perish with the using and are they after the commandments and doctrine of men? Verse 22. Does the laws of God have a show of wisdom in worship? Verse 23. No. Last, did the Colossian brethren know anything about the laws of God prior to their conversion from heathen worship? No. Then we ask once more, What principalities and powers were spoiled when they were converted? We reply, the system of heathen worship which they were followers of. Now last, Did that system of worship have feast days which were rest days, (Sabbaths)? Yes, they also had priests, temples, altars, meat offerings, drink offerings and new moons. Then we ask, What was abolished by them when they were converted to the true God? We reply emphatically, their system of worship which was a shadow on their mind of great blessings to come. Hence this scripture has no reference to any laws God ever gave and what is true in this is true of Eph. 2, and Galatians 4:8-10. Now when the blind teacher who teaches that the laws of God given by Moses at Sinai and the law written by God are abolished and use such scripture to prove it are simply turning the truth of God into a lie. They are trying to make this scripture teach a thing it was never intended to teach. In this manner, in our day, almost the whole Bible by some is turned into a lie.

Honest men have done this, but honest men, when their attention is called to the truth of any point of scripture teaching, never again turn it into a lie, but for gain and ease many continue to do it, as we all know. If they did not continue to do it, then there would not be the division that now exists among the professed believers of today.

One More Illustration.

The law plainly says the tithe or one tenth of all our increase is the Lord's. Then there are specific instructions concerning the free will offerings which God requires for the support of the gospel. But says another. God demands all there is of us and now all is the Lord's, so we don't pay tithe nor do what God requires with our offerings. There are two points why this was adopted in the place of the plain truth. First is to gain control of not only the person but all

he possesses. Another reason why many adopt this argument is to avoid giving God what is really demanded by the law. In either case it is rebellion against the plain commandment of the Lord. God does not want it all. He has reserved a certain portion and no more. But through this line of reasoning that it is all the Lord's the real conscientious can be taken advantage of and the shirk can get out of doing his duty. Why not do as the Lord says? This is another instance of turning the truth of God into a lie.

We do not see the majority of those who teach that it is all the Lord's practice it by any means. They do not believe it themselves. It is simply a slogan to get some one else to give more than is required by God. If we do what God requires we do well. One-tenth, we judge from appearance, they will not give, much less give all to God, unless they name a certain pocket God. In such a case they give it all to God that they hold in cash. Their realty property is deeded to God but they are the God in such cases. Come brethren, let us be honest and come directly to the scripture and do as it says then all is well with us.

THE USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE.

A brother wrote me saying why not use the plain language as used by the Quakers as they use the Bible language?

I felt it was no more than I had thought of hundreds of times in my religious experience. It was a language I had been raised to hear, as my mother was of Quaker faith and always used it. That voice and language as used by her would sound very sweet to me now. The letter mentioned also called to my mind the numbering of the days of the week instead of the names now in use. In replying to this letter I could only say it was right and should be adopted by every true child of God. Our reasons for saying this is, first, it is scriptural, which alone is sufficient. There are other reasons, one is that we are living epistles, known and read of by all men. Our conversation is from heaven. Our work is to educate both by example and language all with whom we come in contact the principles of the Bible we profess to follow. This is one means and a good one

We have ever regarded the use of the word **you** in addressing the Creator as unbecoming, in fact sacrilegious and sinful. All who regard with reverence the Lord, ever use the scriptural language in addressing Jehovah. The Lord's prayer says **Thy** Kingdom come, **Thy** will be done. Not **your** Kingdom come. The Bible language says to **thee** belongeth holiness, not to **you**. **Thine** is the Kingdom, not **yours** is the Kingdom, such language is not educational to children to reverence God. It is the sweet and sacred language of any home. Who will have courage and take pains to adopt it? We shall try it in our home and life. There is but one way to do if we would be true reformers and that is to **do the things** we ought to do. The numbering of the days of the week is also educational. Why should we use heathen names in the place of scriptural numbering? Also remember the evening belongs to the new day as it dawns on us.

The Birthright.

The Quaker holds there is a birthright which entitles the child to membership in the family of God. This idea came no doubt from the story of Israel, as it especially refers to the circumcision of the child eight days old, and also the genealogy being strictly

kept. This birthright made the child feel as they grew up they were a part of the Lord's people.

There is a certain truth in this which should not be overlooked. First, God never desired his children to mingle with the world either in marriage or any association which would tend to separate them from the family of God. That lesson is just as necessary to be taught now as then. This lesson was abused by the Jews as they lost sight of the need of spiritual conversion that they might be saved. So now many loose sight of the spiritual family relationship and depend on the blood saving them. While that is not true and a danger to that tendency what is nicer today than to raise up children with that family tie that will bind them to the Lord's people and they be caused to think they are a part of that great family? Holy people of old dedicated their children to God as they came into the world, why not now? They are the lambs of the flock. They are the pleasant plants set in the home. The true lesson of the birthright should be revived among the saints of God. Who desires to go to the better world without the family? Let us now in the gathering of Israel gather up every truth so when we are led out we can be presented to God with those he has given us.

NOTICE.

We wish those whose time is out to begin with the beginning of the year of the paper. We begin this next number year of the paper's life with good courage. This winter we have put in, as usual, all our spare time in the study of the Bible. We can safely say to all our readers we have that which no one who loves God can afford to do without. It is little sleep we have from one to five o'clock in the morning. This has been so for the past fifteen years. Every position taken by us and every article is threshed out during those hours by comparing scripture with scripture. It is during those hours that we have received the positions taken in our Bible teaching. Strange as it may seem our conclusions after such meditations we have seen no reason as yet to change. But we have changed much accepted as truth from others in early years without careful individual thought. We have found much light the past winter. Not to change, but which establishes with new evidences and also new subjects which will appear in the paper, the Lord willing.

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HOW I WOULD BEGIN TO END THE WORLD'S WAR.

Self examination is self preservation. The nation or individual should examine his own condition whether he is in a condition to enter the fight. Therefore the first thing as a believer in God would be to examine my relation to his. Whether I could have his favor in the conflict. On examination I find him to be the one that overthrows nations, plucks up and plants nations. I read that the heart of kings is in his hands and he turneth it whithersoever he will. I read next he confuseth the councils of kings when he wishes them overthrown. This teaches me that God would be the first step to consider whether he was on my side or not.

In doing this I learn by past history that as nations became self-sufficient and wicked their downfall was sure to follow. Therefore the first step to take for self preservation would be to set my own house in order and have a general clean-up of all immoral things in my kingdom. This would require the strictest laws and the strictest enforcement of laws against crime of every sort, such as gambling dens, the drinking of strong drink, adultery in all its forms, fraud in dishonest gain, bribery, spending millions each year for tobacco and dope which injures both soul and body, millions spent each year for amusements, and millions more for display in dress to gratify pride, millions more for feasting and gluttony, and many more such like things which all sensible people know to be displeasing to God. The next step I would appeal to the present day churches who disregard the plain teaching of the Bible in order to sustain some antiquate creed started by their fathers at a time when men knew very little about the Bible. I would surely stop a high salaried ministry who preach smooth things to please the people. After sweeping the nation from these and a thousand other things, I would next see that every man who urges war for the gain they make out of it was punished by a severe law. Let it be in the making of amunition. speculation on grain or any other speculation which was an inducement to keep up the war which would make all trusts and combines to reap unjust gain.

Now after I had my own nation in the condition it should be in, I would say as Abraham of old said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between us. If you will choose the right then I will take the left, if you take the left, then I will take the right." That ended the strife between Abraham and his nephew and their herdsmen. That course will end most all strife. But if this all failed, I would conclude God wanted that nation overthrown and that he would be with me and fight my battles. God would give the nation I represented a great victory.

The secret of war is, sin gets us into war, and we are punished for our sins by war. So sin is the first step to consider. Are we today in shape to enter the world's war? I fear not. There should be such an effort put forth today as was never put forth in this world to bring about a true repentance on the part of the people. It was so in the days of Hezekiah and why not now? No time now for the minister to preach war. No time now to preach peace, but it is surely needed now to preach a genuine repentance. Such will do more to win the war than all devices of men. Do you believe it? If so preach it. "Show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." The true, loyal man to this nation is the man who obeys God, thus causing his nation no trouble.

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